

- (2) (a) Yes.
 (b) Yes.
 (c) The worst portions, i. e., miles 6 to 9 are being metalled, and the other portions will be taken up for improvement later on.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (c), my question was:

"If the answer to part 2 (b) is in the affirmative, the nature of the action taken thereon." The answer is that "the worst portion i. e., miles 6 to 9 are being metalled and the other portion will be taken up for improvement later on." May I take it that no action was taken on the representation of the people so far as the portion of the road from the 1st mile stone to the 6th mile stone was concerned?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has called for an estimate for metalling the portion of the road from miles 1 to 5.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Then my question in part 2 (a) was also regarding the improvement of the old, dilapidated and tottering wooden bridge at Vilavurkal. There is no answer to that part.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer covers both the parts.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the reply given is in regard to the bridge also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question was 'if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative' and not "if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative."

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Was it based upon 2 (a)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in respect of 2 (b) alone.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to part (c) my question is "what is the action taken on the representation"?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Regarding the bridge as well as the road?

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no specific information in the papers before me.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the information be called for?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Particulars re Kollappalli, Paika, etc., in Minachil Taluk.

290. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): Are the Government aware that Kollappalli, Paika, Kidangur, Kozhuvanal, Uazhavur, Cherpunkal, Pravittanam and Kurumannur in the Minachil taluk are thickly populated centres with markets and trade?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is reported that there is a small bazaar in each of the places Kollappalli, Paika, Kidangur, Kozhuvanal, Uzhavur, Cherpunkal, Pravittanam and Kurumannur in the Minachil taluk by the side of the road. There is some congestion there but not in the interior.

Budget allotment for the revision of pay of the staff of the Anchal Department.

291. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the additional allotment sanctioned for revising the pay of the staff of the Anchal Department has been utilised for that purpose; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) The member is referred to paragraph 24 of the Financial Secretary's speech introducing the Budget for 1105.

Price of Opium.

292. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): Are the Government aware:

(a) that opium is being used in the State as a drug and not as an intoxicant;

(b) that it is among the labouring classes, the poor and those that live on alms that this drug is highly popular; and

(c) that it is the poor people in Travancore who are in distress on account of the raising of the price of opium?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Opium is used in the State mostly as a drug.

(b) and (c) The information is not available.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): ബി, സി, ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന വിവരം കിട്ടിയിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണല്ലോ മറുപടി. ഏ വാഭാഗത്തിന് പറ്റത്തിരിക്കുന്ന മറുപടികൊണ്ടുതന്നെ ഈ വാഭാഗം രൂക്ഷി അവശ്യം സമ്പാദിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് തോന്നുന്നില്ലേ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അത്ര ആവശ്യമാണെന്ന് തോന്നുന്നില്ല. കറുപ്പുതിന്നുന്നതിൽ ഉത്സാഹമുള്ളവർ കുറെ കുറയുമായിരിക്കാം.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): ഇങ്ങിനെ കറുപ്പുതിന്നുന്നവർ ഏതുതരക്കാരാണെന്ന് തിരക്കുചെയ്തിട്ടാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): തിരക്കു ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല.